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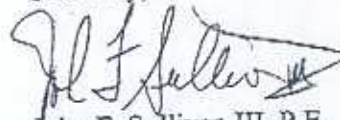
In Reply Refer To:
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Dear Mr. Gibson:

Enclosed is a letter from the Acting Deputy Federal Highway Administrator, which approves the addition of I-73, from I-85 south of Greensboro to Bryan Boulevard west of Greensboro. The letter also approves the deletion of I-73 (along U.S. 220) from I-85 Exit 122 to I-40 Exit 218.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Brad Hibbs at 747-7006.

Sincerely,


John F. Sullivan III, P.E.
Division Administrator

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1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.
Washington, DC 20590

February 3, 2009

In Reply Refer To: HEPI-20

W. F. Rosser, P.E.
State Highway Administrator
North Carolina Department
of Transportation
Raleigh, NC 27699-1536

Through: Mr. John F. Sullivan III
Division Administrator
Raleigh, NC

Dear Mr. Rosser:

Your letter of April 2, 2008, to Mr. John F. Sullivan requested a segment of the Greensboro Western/Southern Loop be added to the Interstate System. This segment is part of the I-73/74 corridor that is designated a future part of the Interstate System by Section 1105(e)(5) of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991, as amended.

Our North Carolina Division Office confirms this segment has been completed to Interstate standards and meets a Section 1105(e)(5) requirement by connecting to existing I-85. This requested addition will result in a conforming deletion and relocation of an existing segment of I-73 to the new location. The authority to relocate is governed by 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(3). I find the requirements Section 1105(e)(5)(A) and 23 U.S.C. 103(c)(3) have been satisfied and hereby approve the addition and deletion from the Interstate System as follows:

Add I-73 approximately 10 miles on new alignment from I-85 south of Greensboro to Bryan Boulevard west of Greensboro.

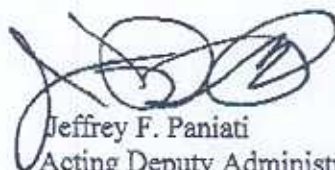
Delete I-73 (along U.S. 220) from I-85 Exit 122 to I-40 Exit 218.

The route numbering of the future Interstate corridor is established by Section 1105(c)(5) as I-73. The I-73 route numbering shall extend from U.S. 220 south of Greensboro to Bryan Boulevard. For the segment from U.S. 220 to Business Route 85, I-73 numbering will be concurrent with existing I-85.

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Under 23 U.S.C. 119(a)(1)(C), this segment becomes eligible for Interstate Maintenance (IM) funds, and under 23 U.S.C. 104(b)(4), its lane miles and vehicle miles traveled will become eligible for inclusion in the IM funds apportionment formulas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeffrey F. Paniati', with a stylized, cursive flourish.

Jeffrey F. Paniati
Acting Deputy Administrator

cc: Ms. Marty Vitale-AASHTO